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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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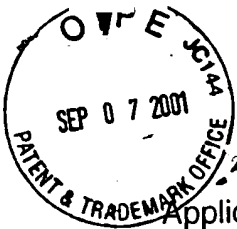
- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 24, 2001, in connection with the above identified application, please find enclosed four sheets of formal drawings. Also enclosed is a substitute specification wherein the claims commence on a separate sheet.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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